Condition of hand-loom weavers.

103. *MR. S. NARAYANA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have appointed a Special Officer to enquire into and report about the condition of hand-loom weavers in Travancore?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: One was appointed. His report was not accepted.

Delay in the despatch of Anchal Mails.

104. *MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*) Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether Anchal Mails are now received in northern taluks a day later due to the discontinuance of the train service to Madras starting from Trivandrum in the evening; and

(*b*) if so, whether they have made any arrangement for sending Anchal Mails by other means so that there might be no such delay?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: (*a*) No.

(*b*) This does not arise in view of answer to part (*a*).

Use of Anchal Service Stamps by members of Legislature.

105. *MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the members of the Legislature are allowed to use the Anchal Service stamps;

(*b*) whether the Superintendent of the Government Press has sent to those members Anchal Service Stamps for acknowledging receipt of printed books, etc., supplied from the Government Press;

(*c*) whether in disregard of such service stamps used by any member, Anchal charges were realised from him by the Anchal Department;

(*d*) whether any member of the Assembly protested or complained to Government against any coercive process taken against him at the instance of the Anchal Department for the realisation of 'unpaid' Anchal charges for which Anchal Service Stamps were actually used; and

(*e*) if the answer to part (*d*) is in the affirmative, what was the result of the complaint?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: (*a*) No.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) The coercive steps were withdrawn and members are allowed to send communications to the Government Press "Service Bearing".

Acquisition of land in the Vadakkekara pakuthi.

106. *MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any representation, dated the 29th July 1942, has been received by Government from the public of Chengannoor protesting against the proposal to acquire portions of land bearing survey Nos. 58/4 A, B and 58/3 of Vadakkekara pakuthi, Tiruvalla taluk;

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(*b*) whether in the letter forwarding the above representation it was stated that the acquisition of the land and construction of a road across the same is to favour one particular individual to the prejudice of public interests;

(*c*) whether any member of the Legislature representing that constituency had offered in the forwarding letter his services to convince the authorities concerned of the unnecessary nature of the acquisition;

(*d*) the action taken on such representation;

(*e*) whether any fresh enquiry was made into the matter in the light of the representation and the forwarding letter; and

(*f*) if the answer to part (*e*) is in the affirmative, the names of the officers who made the original and subsequent enquiries?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) & (*e*) Fresh enquiries were conducted through the Division Peishkar, Quilon, and the Chief Engineer.

(*f*) Mr. V. I. Thomas was the Tahsildar, Tiruvella, during the original and subsequent enquiries and Mr. T. Chandy was the Division Peishkar, Quilon, at the time. Mr. I. C. Chacko was the Chief Engineer.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: With reference to the answer to part (*d*), may I know whether the services of the particular member was utilised?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: The enquiry was made by the Land Revenue and Public Works Departments. Some of the petitioners were also present when the inspection was made by the Division Peishkar.

MR. PULIYOOR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know whether the member was informed of the fact of the subsequent inquiry?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: The member was informed of the final decision of the Government.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know whether in the light of the various serious statements contained in the particular representation forwarded by the member, the services of the member were utilised?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: The inquiry was made by the Division Peishkar and the Chief Engineer.

PRESIDENT: There is no doubt that both the authorities made a mistake. But the honourable member has no information of that.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know whether he will be pleased to look into the matter?

PRESIDENT: Ordinarily the Peishkars and the Engineers are expected to possess and use their common sense. If the honourable member of the House had sent a representation giving an opportunity

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[President.]

to use such common sense and if such common sense was not made use of, that might be told. Common sense is very often a fugitive commodity and it escapes. Evidently it had escaped here. I understand the honourable member's question, and I take it that the answers will be conveyed to the officers concerned.

Theft of money at the Thampanoor Bus Stand.

107. *MR. KAVIYOOR K. K. KOCHUKUNJU (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether any complaint has been received by the Police authorities regarding the theft of money on the 7th Chingom 1118 at the Thampanoor bus stand ; and

(*b*) if so, what action has been taken by the Police on that matter ?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY (*Inspector-General of Police*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Enquiries were made by the Police but no clue could be obtained.

MR. KAVIYOOR K. K. KOCHUKUNJU : ഇപ്രകാരമുള്ള കേസുകൾ വേറെ ഉണ്ടായിട്ടുണ്ടോ എന്നു ദയവായി പറയാമോ?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY : Yes, there have been cases.

MR. KAVIYOOR K. K. KOCHUKUNJU : എൻക്വയറി നടത്തിയതിൽ ഈവക കേസുകളിൽ ഒന്നെങ്കിലും കണ്ടുപിടിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY : Yes, some cases have been found out.

MR. M. BHASKARAN NAIR (*Neyyattinkara* cum *Trivandrum*) : May I know from the honourable member whether any arrangements have been made so as not to repeat such cases in the Bus Stands ?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY : I have issued a general warning to the people to that effect. What has happened in the particular case is this. The gentleman carried his purse in an outer open pocket and naturally he should have expected that somebody might take it or it might slip. He came to me immediately after the incident, which took place at about 4-30 A. M. on 7-1-1118. I put him in touch with Mr. M. M. George, Assistant Inspector-General of Police, one of our best detectives. Unfortunately we could not trace the culprit. Let me humbly tell the honourable member to follow the wholesome maxim which the Pathans of the North West Frontier would say that if you want to protect your property, treat everybody as thieves.

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